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SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF ON-MUSLIM EXPATRIATE OFFENDERS

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1. ON JUNE 19 CONSOFF DISCUSSED THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF AMCITS IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH A SENIOR ARAMCO OFFICIAL WHO INFORMED US CROWN PRINCE FAHAD HAD REFERRED THE DECISION ON LASHING NON-MUSLIM FOREIGNERS TO THE COUNCIL OF ULEMA (A COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS ELDERS). THE OFFICIAL AND HE THOUGHT THE MOVE TO TRANSFER THIS DECISION FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO THE COUNCIL OF ULEMA WAS UNFORTUNATE. HE EXPLAINED THAT FINAL ACTION BY THE ULEMA WAS LIKELY TO BE RATHER TIME-CONSUMING AND THAT THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE INFLUENCED MUCH BY EITHER THE PRESS OR EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE WEMA HAS NOT HESITATED IN THE PAST TO APPLY SHARIA LAW TO NON-MUSLIMS.

2. CONSOFFS PLAN CALL ON THE EMIR OF THE EASTERN PROVINCE, ABDUL MUHSIN BIN JILUWI, ON JUNE 21 TO DISCUSS THE PROLONGED DETENTION OF AMCITS AWAITING
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A DECISION ON THE LASHING ISSUE.
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